

TELEGRAM INFORMATION REPORT TELEGRAM

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COUNT UAR/WEST GERMANY REPORT NO. TDCS -3/486,084
SUBJECT SUBJECTS DISCUSSED AT TALKS BETWEEN UAR DATE DISTR. 29 JANUARY 1960
PRESIDENT AND WEST GERMAN MINISTER OF ECONOMY PRECEDENCE ROUTINE
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SOURCE REGULAR SOURCE WITH HIGH LEVEL CONTACTS AMONG UAR OFFICIALS (B); FROM TAMAL
ABD-AL-NASIR.

1. UAR PRESIDENT JAMAL 'ABD-AL-NASIR TALKED WITH WEST GERMAN MINISTER OF
ECONOMY LUDWIG ERHARD ON 25 JANUARY/ABOUT UAR'S DEVELOPMENTS PLANS AND ITS NEEDS
FOR FOREIGN ASSISTANCE. NASIR TOLD ERHARD UAR HAD SPENT LE 303 MILLION LAST
TWO YEARS ON INDUSTRIALIZATION PROGRAM AND PLANNED SPEND LE 400 MILLION MORE
IN COMING FIVE YEARS. ON AGRICULTURE PLAN IS TO SPEND LE 450 MILLION. UAR AIM
IS TO DOUBLE NATIONAL INCOME IN EIGHT YEARS. DECISION ACHIEVE THIS GOAL SO SOON
WAS TAKEN RECENTLY AND IS SECRET. PUBLIC STILL BEING TOLD GOAL WILL BE REACHED
IN 10. ERHARD SAID WEST GERMANY IS READY TO HELP UAR.
2. NASIR MADE PARTICULAR POINT IN TRYING INTEREST ERHARD IN QATTARA
DEPRESSION PROJECT. SOUGHT TO ASSURE ERHARD THAT WEST GERMANS SHOULD NOT REGARD
UAR'S NEW LOAN AGREEMENT WITH SOVS FOR SECOND STAGE ASWAN HIGH DAM AS BLOW

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AGAINST THEMSELVES. NASIR JUSTIFIED ENTERING NEW AGREEMENT WITH SOVS ON GROUNDS IT IN UAR INTEREST. ERHARD REPORTEDLY CAUTIONED NASIR THAT ECONOMIC AGREEMENTS COULD BECOME AVENUE FOR COMMUNIST INFILTRATION. NASIR ASSURED HIS GUEST THAT UAR HAD NOT AND WOULD NOT PERMIT SOVS TO USE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO GAIN POLITICAL INFLUENCE IN HIS COUNTRY. FURTHERMORE SAID NASIR, UAR PURSUING AN ECONOMIC PLAN WHICH IS BASICALLY DIFFERENT** FROM COMMUNIST APPROACH. UAR IS CONCENTRATING ON LIGHT NOT HEAVY INDUSTRY.

3. ERHARD DID NOT GIVE ANY DIRECT INDICATION WHETHER HE INTERESTED IN QATTARA PROJECT. ERHARD COMMENTED THAT HIGH DAM WAS MORE IMPORTANT AS FAR AS WORLD OPINION WAS CONCERNED SINCE IT HAD BECOME SYMBOL OF EGYPT'S FIGHT FOR DEVELOPMENT. NASIR SAID WEST GERMANS SHOULD NOT CONSIDER THE DAM THAT IMPORTANT. THE UAR ITSELF WAS THE SYMBOL AND IF WEST GERMANY ASSISTED WITH ANY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, IT WOULD BE SHARING CREDIT FOR THE MARCH OF THIS SYMBOL.

4. NASIR SAID BOTH HE AND 'ABD-AL-LATIF' BAGHDADI, UAR VICE PRESIDENT/ FOR PLANNING, PRODUCTION AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, MET SEPARATELY WITH ERHARD, HAS POINTED OUT TO WEST GERMANS THAT UAR PREFERRED LOANS TO INVESTMENTS AND PREFERRED LOANS TO GOVERNMENT PROJECTS RATHER THAN TO SMALL PRIVATE INDUSTRIES.

5. (SOURCE COMMENT. NASIR TOLD SOURCE THAT THE EAST GERMANS HAVE BEEN COMPLAINING BITTERLY ABOUT THE GREAT AMOUNT OF FRIENDLY PUBLICITY ERHARD'S VISIT HAS OCCASIONED. THEY OBJECTED ESPECIALLY TO THE TENDENCY SOME PAPERS HAVE OF REFERRING TO VISIT AS GERMAN MISSION BUT FAILING TO DESIGNATE IT WEST GERMAN. NASIR SAID HE DIDN'T INTEND TO DO ANYTHING TO SOOTHE EAST GERMAN FEELINGS).

6. LOCAL DISSEM: STATE, CINCSOUTH, (PERSONAL).

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<p>7. HEADQUARTERS COMMENT. ** BEING SERVICED FOR CONFIRMATION.</p> <p>END OF MESSAGE</p>		
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